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## MAJOR GENERAL AUSTIN

Major General Fred Thaddeus Austin, the second Chief of Field Artillery, was born at Hancock, Vermont, December 28, 1866. He graduated from Norwich University as Master of Science in 1888.

General Austin's military record begins as First Lieutenant and Adjutant, 5th Massachusetts Infantry. August 17, 1899, he was appointed First Lieutenant, 46th U. S. Volunteer Infantry. He distinguished himself as an engineer in the Philippine Islands, having been on mapping duty, on duty repairing bridges, and architect in charge of construction of the refrigerating and ice-making plant in Manila.

General Austin entered the regular service, August 22, 1901, when he was appointed First Lieutenant, Artillery Corps. Upon the separation, in 1907, he was assigned to the 3d Field Artillery, of which regiment he became the first adjutant. He remained with the Third until 1915 and for several years commanded a battery in General (then Major) Summerall's battalion. Later he served, both as captain and major, in the 2d Field Artillery at Camp Stotsenburg and the 1st Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks.

During the World War, General Austin served successively as Instructor, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, commanding the 346th Field Artillery, Camp Lewis, the 350th Field Artillery and the 167th Field Artillery Brigade, Camp Dix, and the 156th Field Artillery Brigade, Camp Jackson, having been appointed Brigadier General, National Army, April 12, 1918. In June, 1918, he organized the Field Artillery Replacement Depot at Camp Zachary Taylor. For his conspicuous service in this assignment, the War Department, July 15, 1921, announced that he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services while in command of Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., and particularly during the period that said camp was subject to a severe epidemic of influenza."

General Austin is a man of many accomplishments. Recently he has added to the long list the qualification of aeroplane pilot. His most outstanding characteristics are sincerity, kindness, and constructive ability. The last he possesses to a peculiar degree. In every work upon which he has been engaged he has left behind him a record of lasting, constructive, practical achievement.